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NEW BEAVERTON POLICE CHIEF TO START FEBRUARY 2

- Public Invited to Meet with the Chief at February 9 Swearing In Ceremony -

Beaverton, Oregon (January 15, 2009) – Mayor Denny Doyle announced today that Beaverton's new Chief of Police, Geoff Spalding, is slated to take on his new duties starting Monday, February 2, 2009. Chief Spalding was tapped to lead the award-winning Beaverton Police Department following a recruitment and selection process that included community and business leaders, citizens, elected officials, key City managers, the command staff of the Beaverton Police Department (BPD), and members of the Beaverton Police Association.

"I'm excited that Geoff will soon be joining the City in his new role as Chief of Police," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "I'm looking forward to working closely with him to make Beaverton a safer, stronger community."

Chief Spalding will be officially sworn-in at the Beaverton City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 9, in the Council Chambers at City Hall (4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton). The public is invited to a meet and greet with Chief Spalding prior to the meeting, at 6 p.m.

About Geoff Spalding

Spalding was previously a Captain with the Fullerton, California, Police Department, where he served for 32 years. He rose to the rank of Captain in 2002. During his tenure his responsibilities have included detective division commander, patrol watch commander, traffic bureau manager, personnel/training manager, services division commander, and uniform division commander. He was named the City of Fullerton Manager of the Year in 1997 and was the project manager for a \$12 million police facility addition and remodel. He holds a master's degree in Emergency Management from Cal State Long Beach and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Cal State Fullerton.

Spalding, 52, was active in the Fullerton community and served as a chairman of the personnel commission of the Fullerton Elementary School District, chairman of the board of directors for North Orange County Credit Union, a board member of the Fullerton Sister City Association, and as an active member of the Fullerton Main Rotary. Spalding's wife and two sons will join him in Beaverton.

About the Beaverton Police Department

The City of Beaverton is ranked the safest city in the Northwest and 47th safest out of 378 cities within the United States in the 2007 City Crime Rankings (Morgan Quitno Press). The Chief of Police serves as the director of the BPD, leading a department of more than 165 employees, with 132 full-time equivalent (FTE) sworn police personnel and 33 FTE civilian positions. The Chief also oversees a budget of \$22 million, 18 percent of the City's annual budget. The BPD maintains a ratio of 1.5 officers for every 1,000 residents, one of the highest in the state. A national leader and innovator in police practices, the BPD was recognized by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) with the 2008 Excellence in Victim Services Award as well as the 2006 Webber Seavey Award for the department's identity theft and fraud prevention program. In addition, the BPD was honored with the Excellence in Community Policing Award from the National League of Cities in 1997.

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